

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Before-School and After-School  
Child Care

**ITEM NO.:** 4E

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board determine whether the contract with the YMCA for Before and After School Child Care include the actual school usage fee, a reduced school usage fee, or no school usage fee for the 2006-07 pilot program.

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### KEY POINTS:

- Work continues on finalizing the contract. Upon completion, the contract will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Legal and Administrative Services, as well as legal counsel, if necessary. Whether the YMCA is charged a building usage fee is an issue that must be resolved prior to the contract being issued. Based on staff calculations, the full fee rate for the combined five sites would be **\$3000.00 per month** plus an annual incidental supply fee of **\$960.00 per year** (paper towels, soap, etc.). The monthly fee is based on square footage and hours of use. Consideration may be given to reduced fees based on the following rationale:
  - The YMCA is the only vendor among those the committee considered that offers a financial assistance program. Families that lack adequate financial resources are offered a reduced fee, based on the level of need presented by the family. No family is turned away because they can't afford the set fee; therefore generated revenue is reduced. In 2005, approximately 35% of the children in the Y's school age programs received financial assistance.
  - The Y offers discounts to all SCPS employees.
  - This is a pilot program in its first year, so enrollment may be lower than in subsequent years.
- Monthly updates will be provided to the School Board.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #3:** Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in schools, Measurable Objective 3.5 - Implement before and after school, school aged child care. (Source of Measurement--Pilot Evaluation; Group of Department Responsible for Reporting Results--Finance/Support Services; Date/Time of year (approximate) when results will be reported--September, 2006).

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #6:** Introduce programs to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and community, Measurable Objective 6.4 – Implement before and after school, school aged child care.

(Source of Measurement--Pilot Evaluation; Group of Department Responsible for Reporting Results--Finance/Support Services; Date/Time of year (approximate) when results will be reported--September, 2006).

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**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**

1. School Board Meeting Agenda Item 10A, October 26, 2004 Meeting, Topic: Day Care Facilities
2. School Board's ByLaws, Policies, and Regulations - Policy 4-32: Competitive Negotiations/Competitive Sealed Bidding/Awards